



HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST



Use this guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes you do not check indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home security.

These are just some of the simple steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted for crime.

Exterior Doors

- All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house (even if it is just for a few minutes).
- Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
- Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.
- If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so they cannot be shattered.
- All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.
- Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

Garage and Sliding Door Security

- The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.
- The overhead garage door has a lock so we do not rely solely on the automatic door to provide security.
- All garage doors are locked when we leave the house.
- The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.



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Garage and Sliding Door Security (continued)

- A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.
- The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

Protecting Windows

- Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.
- Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

Outdoor Security

- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.
- There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.
- Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
- Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.
- Outdoor lights are on in the evening – whether someone is at home or not, or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.

Security When Away From Home

- At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended time period.
- The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.
- Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or we have arranged for a neighbor or friend to pick them up when we go away from home for a period of time.



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Security When Away From Home (continued)

- A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.
- We report our vacation to our beat officers through the RPD website to request extra patrol or a security check.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high security, laminated padlocks.
- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
- Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.
- Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
- Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
- Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with California Driver's License or Identification numbers, preceded by the letters "CA."
- Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.